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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 30, 2007. This response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A Listing of the Claims (without amendments) begins on page 2 of this paper.

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